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TITLE: ORTHODONTIC WIRE AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME

Response B: REMARKS

In the Official Action, Restriction was required between the two inventions identified in the amended claims. In particular, Restriction was required between the subject matter of Group I, namely Claim 9, as drawn to an orthodontic wire suitable for bonding on teeth that has a surface of titanium nitride that is free of titanium oxide; and Group II, namely Claims 10 - 16, as drawn to a method of making a metallic wire suitable for use with attachments for bonding on teeth.

In reply to the Official Action, Applicant here elects the subject matter of Group I, namely Claim 9. Applicant reserves the right to take such other measures as he deems appropriate so as to protect the subject matter of Claims 10 - 16, such as the filing of a divisional application.

An Official Action on the merits is in order and such is respectively requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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